

## Message Text

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NEA/AFN - D. JAMESON  
JUSTICE - DAVID COFFMAN  
JUSTICE - JOHN KEENEY  
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, AG, US

SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS - ALGERIA

REF: STATE 268209

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT NEW YORK ATTORNEYS FOR SONATRACH (SHEARMAN AND STERLING) HAVE MADE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST TO SEC AND JUSTICE FOR DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE GENERAL TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURAL GAS LIQUEFACTION FACILITY IN ALGERIA. WHILE SEC HAS TERMINATED ITS INVESTIGATIONS, DOCUMENTS ARE BEING DENIED UNDER FOIA BECAUSE THERE IS ONGOING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION.

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO INFORM ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES THAT WE WOULD STILL BE HAPPY TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATION OF A BILAT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ERAL MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT SHOULD ALGERIA WISH TO OBTAIN THESE DOCUMENTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. SUCH AGREEMENTS PERMIT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS. EVEN FOR MATERIALS WHICH ARE NO LONGER EXEMPT FROM RELEASE UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, WE BELIEVE IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO REQUEST THESE

THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THAN TO SUBMIT DIRECT FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS TO USG AGENCIES. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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